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Date: June 3, 2005

Application of: Irving C. Erickson et al. pplication No.

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For:

November 6, 2003 **BALANCED GLOBE VALVE** 

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Tra	insmitted herewith is a reply to office action in the subject application.						
	Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.						
X	Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee						
	Other:						
X	Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.						

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TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE			none					
	subtract time extension fee previously paid		none		(\$ 0.00)		(\$ 0.00)	
CLAIM FEE	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADD'L CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADD'L CLAIM FEE
TOTAL	20	Minus	20	=		\$		\$0
INDEPENDENT	3	Minus	3	=		\$		\$0
☐ FIRST PRE	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM					\$	+ 360=	\$0
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT						\$	TOTAL	\$0

- ☑ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.
  - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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## **AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.